

JAPANESE FLEET  
SEEN BY RUSSIANS  
OFF PORT ARTHUR

Did Not Approach Fortifications, But Steamed in the Direction of New Chwang Where Attack is Expected.

CLAIM THAT PORT  
IS IMPREGNABLE

St. Petersburg Despatch States that Russians There Are Quite Confident That They Can All Attacks.

St. Petersburg, via Emden, April 12.—An official despatch from Port Arthur reports that the Japanese squadron appeared on the horizon off that port this morning, but did not approach the fortifications. They proceeded on their way, apparently in the direction of New Chwang.

The officers of the official staff here stated this morning that New Chwang is in perfect state of defense. The city is impregnable except for a long siege. The earth works are so perfectly arranged that surprise by land is rendered impossible, while the sea attack is to a large degree protected by countless mines and torpedoes which guard the harbor.

Chief of staff Piling telegraphs from Mukden that there is no truth in the report that the Japanese have crossed the Yalu river and had skirmishes with the Russian forces on the Manchurian side of the stream.

## MORE SHIPS FOR TOGO.

Japan Will Send Him Ten Additional Vessels.

London, April 12.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that a telegram from Tokyo states that the Japanese minister of marine has arranged for ten more warships to be placed at the disposal of Admiral Togo, in order that he may cover a larger radius for action.

## DEATH WEAPON FOUND.

Police Have Knife Which They Think Is Tucker's.

Weston, Mass., April 12.—The weapon used in the murder of Mabel Page is in the possession of the police. It is a long, three-bladed knife, and by it the authorities believe they can track the young woman's assailant. How the knife was found the police refuse to divulge, but it is said that the weapon was carried in a sheath and the sheath was found in the bottom of Arthur Woodford's fish cart. Charles L. Tucker, now under arrest, rode in the cart from Weston to Auburndale on the day the murder was committed.



CHARLES L. TUCKER.

It is said that much importance will be attached to the finding of the sheath. Casts have been made of Tucker's teeth, and public horror at the crime will be intensified if it is found, as supposed, that the casts correspond to the marks found on Miss Page's face and shoulders, and also on the sheath. A dentist was taken to Tucker in a cell in the West Newton jail, and plaster casts were taken of all his front teeth. Hard rubber casts then were made and are now held by the state detectives.

Jimenez in New York.  
New York, April 12.—Juan J. Jimenez, the Dominican rebel general who fled from the victorious forces of President Morales, has arrived here on the steamer Philadelphia from Venezuela and Porto Rico. He embarked at San Juan, Jimenez refused to make any statement concerning his intended movements in this country.

## VERMONT LUNATICS.

Man and Sister Placed in Washington, D. C. Asylum.

Washington, April 11.—District officials after a search of more than a week today ascertained that two of the strangest, insane persons known to local physicians for many years, Harrison C. Smith and his sister, Helen Smith, are from New Haven, Vt. They have been permanently committed to St. Elizabeth insane asylum here and as they were apparently people of property, efforts were made to communicate with relatives. Both were very uncommunicative but it has been learned that they have relatives in different parts of Vermont and it is hoped those relatives entitled to close interest in their affairs will communicate with the district board of charities.

The cases were peculiar as brother and sister had the same hallucinations. He has been a student of the school of Diplomacy at Columbia, a university here, and claimed at first to hail from New York city. They claimed some mysterious persons were throwing injurious powders upon them. They have been in Washington more than a year and are the children of Timothy C. Smith, many years ago consul at Odessa, Russia.

## HE HAD NERVE.

Burlington Habitual Drunkard Asked For Leniency.

Burlington, April 12.—After having been arrested four times for being drunk under the license law, Joseph Barrett had the nerve to request Judge Hawkins to be lenient with him when he was arraigned in city court yesterday morning. His request was not granted and it was suggested that he had made his resolves to leave liquor alone just too late.

Barrett was declared a habitual drunkard some time ago when he was arrested for a third offense and served the alternate sentence in Rutland. He was arrested again Saturday by the police and when he reached the court room yesterday requested that he be let off with a sentence of 30 days in jail. He was given the 30 days and in addition was fined \$15 and costs of \$3.25, the alternative sentence being 105 days in the House of Correction, which he will serve.

## SPECIFIC CHARGES DEMANDED.

Burlington Officials Who Were Summoned Before City Council.

Burlington, April 12.—The two members of the board of street commissioners, N. K. Brown and J. W. Votey, and the two members of the board of police examiners, Robert Noble and L. E. Palmer, appeared last night before the city council in response to resolutions passed by the council asking them to appear and show cause why their offices should not be declared vacant. The matter in regard to the street commissioners was the only one taken up, the other being continued; and the hearing in regard to the street commissioners was largely spinning for points, a continuance finally being taken until Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

## DRUNKEN MAN INJURED.

Was Lying on Railroad Track at St. Albans—Struck by Engine.

St. Albans, April 11.—Delos Murray, an employee of the Central Vermont railway, was struck by train No. 53 from Richford this evening and badly injured about the head. He was taken to his home on Lake Street, where he was attended by Dr. Hyatt.

It appears that Murray is a middle aged man and that he became crazy drunk this afternoon. In this condition he wandered up the Richford track and fell or lay down between the rails at a point a short distance above the Central Vermont crossing on the road to Sheldon. No one had noticed Murray's action.

## MORE THAN AVERAGE CROP.

Says V. L. Spear of the Maple Sugar Season.

In a letter to a Burlington man, Victor L. Spear of Randolph, president of the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association, says that the sugar season thus far has been very gratifying to the farmers, already more than average crop being secured with several more runs expected. There is still a quantity of snow in the woods and much frost remains.

The association has made arrangements to take an exhibit of maple products to St. Louis, which will probably be on a more elaborate scale than that made at the Buffalo Exposition. The details will be announced later.

## RUN OVER BY SWITCH ENGINE.

Rouses Point Railroad Man Loses Both Legs.

Rouses Point, N. Y., April 11.—John Giguard, a switchman in the local yards, was run over by a yard engine at 5 o'clock this morning and both legs cut off, the right one above the knee and the left one below the knee. He was attempting to step on the front of the engine when he was knocked down and run over. He was taken to Montreal for surgical treatment at 7 o'clock.

## DEFEATED BY AMERICANS.

Spanish General Just Died in Insane Asylum.

Madrid, April 12.—General Toral who was in command of the Spanish forces at Santiago when the latter surrendered to the American army, died at the insane asylum at Leganes this morning. The general brooded over his capitulation until he became hopelessly insane.

WILL ENDORSE  
ROOSEVELT

New York Republican Convention

## WAS CALLED THIS NOON

Depew Temporary Chairman, Congressman Payne Permanent Chairman.

New York, April 12.—The Republican state convention was called to order today at 1 o'clock in Carnegie hall. Senator Depew was elected chairman.

After the announcement of various committees, the convention took a recess until 4 o'clock, when Congressman Payne will be made permanent chairman, and the following "Big Four" elected delegates to the national convention, Senators Platt and Depew, Gov. Odell and ex-Mayor Black. The Republicans will endorse Roosevelt and his administration.

## REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Will Meet at Burlington Wednesday Evening, April 20.

A meeting of the executive committee and other officers of the American League of the State of Vermont will be held in the parlors of the Van Ness House, Burlington, at 6 p. m. Wednesday evening, April 20, the evening of the Republican state convention. The meeting is for the election of officers and for laying plans by the organization for an efficient assistance in support of the state committee in the coming campaign.

## SMOTHERED AMONG PILLOWS.

Infant Child of William Johnson of Danbury.

Rutland, April 12.—Word was received today that the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Danbury was accidentally killed Sunday by being smothered among the pillows of its bed.

## Has Deficit of \$2,000.

Rutland, April 12.—At a meeting of the directors of the Rutland County Agricultural society it was announced that there was a deficit of \$2,000 in the accounts of the fall state fair.

## Duff Captain of Rutlands.

Rutland, April 12.—Duff, captain of Plattsburg last year, has been chosen captain of the Rutland ball team this year.

## Chicagoans Grow Safer.

Chicago, April 12.—A notable decrease in the percentage of local deaths from nervous diseases suggests to the health department that the high tension of life in Chicago is being lowered and that the people are returning to safer and simpler modes of living than obtained in the two strenuous, nerve shocking decades following the great fire of 1871. In the same connection it is noted that the deaths of babies from convulsions have decreased nearly 60 per cent.

## Government Grafter on Trial.

Washington, April 12.—The case of James M. A. Watson, formerly a clerk in the office of Auditor Petty of the District of Columbia government, indicted for embezzlement of District funds, was called for trial in the criminal court. Two of the three indictments were consolidated to expedite the trial. The session was devoted to the impaneling of a jury, and eighty additional takersmen have been summoned.

## Samuel Hoar Dead.

Concord, Mass., April 12.—Samuel Hoar, the distinguished lawyer and nephew of United States Senator George F. Hoar, has died of paralysis. He was fifty-nine years of age and for nearly twenty years had been general counsel for the Boston and Albany railroad. Mr. Hoar also was an overseer of Harvard university. In 1902 he was prominently mentioned as successor to Justice Horace Gray as associate justice of the United States supreme court. A widow and two sons survive.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE AT  
LOS ANGELES.

Official Route and Arrangements for New England Delegates.

Complete arrangements have been made for transportation of the New England delegates, their families and friends to the Methodist General Conference at Los Angeles, May 4th, 1904, special train leaving Boston at 1.00 p. m. Friday, April 23rd, making stops at Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, (thence through Royal Gorge, Tennessee Pass, etc.) Salt Lake City, San Francisco, the Big Trees, Monterey and Santa Barbara. Choice of return by all routes. Extremely low rates covering all expenses, or for transportation only. Illustrated itineraries can be had on application to Simmons & Masters, 293 Washington St., Old South Building, Boston, Mass.

CLEMENT ON  
STILL HUNT

Three Lieutenants Said to Have Gone Out.

## J. L. MARTIN MAY ENTER

Report That Rutland Man is in Hunt For Governorship is Not Confirmed.

Rutland, April 12.—It has been learned that within the past two or three days political workers who are identified with the Clement movement have left here to work in various parts of the state and all doubts as to whether or not Percival W. Clement is to be a candidate for the governorship has been removed in the minds of local politicians.

It is still impossible to secure a positive statement on the question from any of Mr. Clement's closest political associates and it is now thought that this reticence on the subject is due to the attitude of James L. Martin of Brattleboro on the governorship question. Word has reached here that Mr. Martin has recently said that he would not enter the contest unless Mr. Clement did so, in which event the district attorney stated that he would immediately take off his coat and work tooth and nail to defeat the Rutland man.

There seems to be little doubt that this is the real attitude of the district attorney and as he is known to be a hard and able fighter, it is believed that Mr. Clement's plan is to work quietly until so close to the time of the convention that Mr. Martin would not have time enough left to get in very effective work.

The sentiment toward Mr. Clement in the towns in Rutland county is found by his workers, it is understood, to be much more favorable than they anticipated, and they feel certain that if Mr. Clement runs he will be able to capture a good number of delegates from his own county. Excellent reports are coming in also from workers and Clement sympathizers in other parts of the state.

INFORMATION FILED  
AGAINST F. MORANDI

State's Attorney Takes Action Following Raid at Montpelier & Wells River Office.

Montpelier, April 12.—When Washington county court convened yesterday afternoon after a recess of several days, Everett Morse of Calais came in and pleaded guilty to forging the name of his father, Allen Morse, also the name of H. A. Morse, to a note. He was given not less than two years in the state prison. Morse has been at the state asylum for observation as to his sanity. He was declared criminally responsible but subject to fits. He is 35 years old and has a wife and three small children.

T. J. Deavitt and J. P. Lamson were called upon to forfeit \$100 bail furnished for John Van Hall, charged with arson in Cabot, Van Hall having left for parts unknown.

Charles Zanloni of Barre, retracted his plea of not guilty of breach of the peace and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$20 and costs of \$5.00.

Fred Thomas of Northfield, one of the Northfield boys arrested last fall on the charge of stealing two barrels of beer from a Central Vermont freight car, pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced later.

An information was filed by State's Attorney Senter against F. Marandi of Barre for keeping intoxicating liquor and exposing the same for sale without a license. This is the result of the recent raid in Barre, on the Montpelier & Wells River R. R. at which eight barrels of wine were seized.

The case of State vs. David Moriarty of Warren, felonious assault, was next called. Peter Moriarty of Warren, father of the respondent, recognized as bail for his son in the sum of \$500 when he was arrested two years ago. The respondent is absent from the state and Judge C. E. Woodward, his counsel, asked that the bonds be cancelled to \$200 and costs. State's Attorney Senter consented and the court so ordered.

State vs. Jewett and Isham, three cases, killing deer, were continued because of illness of an important witness for the state.

Fred Thomas and Frederick Laffey of Northfield, retracted their plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to breaking into a freight car in Northfield last June, and stealing a quantity of bottled beer. On the recommendation of State's Attorney Senter these boys were placed in the hands of the probation officer. William McGrath of Northfield, who was indicted with Thomas and Laffey for the same offense, declined through Frank Plimley, his counsel, to plead guilty and his case will be tried this week.

Emilio Vochini, who was concerned in the Socialist-Anarchist disturbances in the Socialist hall in Barre the night that Eli Cort was shot, and whose coat was punctured by a bullet, pleaded guilty to a breach of the peace this morning. He was fined \$25 with costs.

## Paint Your Buggy for 75c.

To \$1.00 with Devos's Gloss Carriage Paint it weighs 8 to 8 ounces more to the pint than others, wears longer, and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Reynolds & Son.

AGREEMENT  
ACCEPTED BY  
BLACKSMITHS.

## FAIR IS CLOSED.

Knights of Columbus Bazaar Continued Seven Nights.

The Knights of Columbus bazaar, which has been held in Hale's pavilion for seven nights closed last evening with a grand entertainment and with the drawing of the articles. The program was a very enjoyable one and was carried out as follows: Vocal solo, Miss Rose Cook; comic song, John Kessock; John Kerr, punning bag exhibition; comic song, Dan Sullivan; stationary dance, Milne brothers.

Following the programme the articles were distributed by Miss Cecelia Plouffe, as follows: Guy hat, No. 58, James Kesson; willow rocker, No. 23, A. J. Schneider; meerschaum pipe, No. 67, J. B. Fitzpatrick; \$4 shoes, No. 75, Dr. J. McSweeney; opera shawl, No. 23, W. M. Bull; sofa pillow, No. 40, A. J. Schneider. Picture, No. 2, Mary McQuid; dress suit case, No. 59, D. Carey; picture, No. 35, John Wilson; hammock, No. 11, Alex. Forbes; \$5 gold piece, No. 39, Mrs. E. O. Marston; briar pipe, No. 37, P. A. Noonan; umbrella, No. 85, T. Charbonneau; fern, John Hardigan; china clock, No. 10, M. J. Liberty; commode set, No. 1, Ed Carpenter; couch, No. 44, D. F. Worthen; bible, No. 150, Peter Lavoir; box cigars, No. 59, Lee Tewksbury; tea set, No. 24, Lackey Good; oak center table, 112, Agnes O'Connor; oak rocker, No. 14, A. J. Lang-felt.

Morris chair, No. 183, Felix Chauvin; iron bed, spring and mattress, No. 81, Mrs. E. C. Moore; combination book case and writing desk, No. 86, Michael Kiekun; gold watch, No. 69; \$20 in gold, No. 151, question contest, on number in not shell, No. 401, Mrs. T. H. Barry.

J. T. Callaghan received the \$30 in gold and Mrs. Carter of Forsyth Place got the gold watch.

## MRS. ANGUS SMITH.

Died This Morning at Age of 71 Years.

Mrs. Angus Smith of Cliff street, died this morning at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Smith was born in the Island of Louis, Scotland, in the year 1831. When only 10 years old she came with her parents to America and settled in Compton county, Province of Quebec, Canada. In the year 1852 she was married to Angus Smith and in the subsequent years became the mother of eleven children, of whom seven, along with her husband, survive here. Of the children five live in this city, John, Annie, Angus, Donald and Daniel; two in Montreal, Peter and Allan.

Mrs. Smith was a devoted mother and a woman of strong and simple Christian character. Since coming to this city she has been unable by reason of weakness to take an active part in the life about her but her home has been a center of cheer and hospitality for many.

The sympathy of the city goes out to all who mourn her loss but especially to the partner of her many years who now must walk alone.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from her home on Cliff street. A short service will be conducted by the Rev. Thos. H. Mitchell, assisted by Rev. Francis A. Poole.

## LEAVITT-BURNHAM.

Post Office Employee Takes a Bride.

Miss Florence Maude Burnham of Fairlee and Paul D. Leavitt of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George E. McFarland, 285 South Main street, where the bride has been stopping for nearly a year. The Rev. A. M. Bradley was the officiating clergyman. The couple were unattended. The bride was dressed in an attractive blue and white travelling suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt took the train at South Barre for a brief wedding trip, during which they will visit Fairfield, West Lebanon, N. H., and Fairlee. The groom is a popular young man and is employed as a clerk in the postoffice. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt will reside for the present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McFarland.

## A GOOD COMPANY.

Marks Bros. Dramatic Co. Open Week's Engagement.

The Marks Bros. Dramatic company opened a week's engagement last evening to the largest attendance of a dramatic show in Barre this season. The company created a most favorable impression and they present an entertainment more pleasing to the large majority of people than do many of the companies charging three times the admission. "The Two Orphans" was the play last evening, and May A. Bell Marks as the star won unqualified success in the character of Louise, the blind orphan. She is a finished and graceful actress, and is supported by a capable company. There are no waits between acts—every minute given over to specialties of merit. "A Little Scotch Entertainment," alone was worth the admission charged to the show. New ones are introduced nightly. This evening "The Montana Queen" will be presented and tomorrow's matinee "A Duke's Daughter."

## An Important Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of Vinella club, at the club rooms, Wednesday night, April 13, at 8 o'clock, sharp. It is important that every member, both active and honorary, be present as plans for the rooms in the proposed Blanchard building will be discussed; also the advisability of raising the dues to \$1 per month, and making all active members. F. E. Robinson, Secy.

Work Will Be Resumed Tomorrow Morning, Probably In All Granite Plants in Barre.

ONLY AWAITS ACTION  
OF MANUFACTURERS

Sharpeners Will Handle Tools That Cannot Be Sharpened on Machine, According to Original Agreement.

The meeting of the tool sharpeners this afternoon accepted the original agreement as to the division of work in sharpening tools, and work will probably be resumed tomorrow morning.

It only remains for the two committees to confer and complete the arrangements for resuming work.

The Lumpers, Boxers and Derrick-men's union now claims that it has a grievance, in the closing down of the plants yesterday when it has a separate agreement with the manufacturers which says that pending the settlement of difficulties by arbitration there shall be no suspension of work. The union officers have called a meeting to be held in the Wheelock block this evening, "just to talk it over," said one of the members today.

The Lumpers and polishers of Montpelier, who a short time ago made a demand on the manufacturers, quit work this morning, but not in connection with the present difficulty, so an officer of a union stated. Their action was not a strike.

## Notes.

There will be a special meeting of the Lumpers, Boxers and Derrickmen's Union Branch 50 of the Q. W. I. T. U. of N. A. in Wheelock block at 7 p. m. this evening. Every member should be present as business of vital importance must be considered. A. E. Nichols, Sec.

## Notes.

Members of Granite Cutters National union are hereby notified that a meeting may be called at any time and all members are asked to hold themselves in readiness and be prepared to attend meetings whenever called. The committee will do their best to advertise all meetings and notices will be posted in the most conspicuous places. Alex Robertson.

## WILL HOLD BAZAAR.

Evening Drawing School to Raise Funds for Work.

The Evening Drawing School, which is conducted in the Averill block, and is doing an excellent work, is in need of funds to continue the work, and to this end it is proposed to give a bazaar in Hale's pavilion May 7. The school has about 50 pupils and pays two instructors. The work. The scholars pay a nominal fee but this is not sufficient to keep the school on its feet. In preparation for the bazaar a committee will solicit donations for it. This committee is A. B. Frontini, Angelo Bianchi, G. Tosi, S. Frontini, C. Mariani and A. Delabertini.

## PAINTERS' UNION.

The Next Regular Meeting Occurs this Tuesday Evening, April 13th.

A regular meeting of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers' Union, No. 188, is hereby called for this Tuesday evening, April 12th. Business of importance must be transacted. It was voted at the last meeting to request every member to be present and it is hoped that all will make a special effort to attend. Will Averill, President.

## Those in Charge of Children's Ball.

The following persons will be in charge of the children's ball at Hale's pavilion Thursday evening, April 14: Directors, Prof. G. H. Elmore, Mrs. F. B. Madgett; patronesses, Mrs. D. M. Miles, Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Mrs. B. H. Wells, Mrs. G. H. Elmore; ushers, Misses Nellie Stoughton, Lillian Gordon, Esther Pitts, Hortense Smith, Mary McWhorter, Mott Madgett, Shirley Bradford, Nellie Clayton; chaperones, Mrs. H. A. Rugg, Mrs. D. H. McLeod, Mrs. E. C. Brock, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. H. McNeil, Mrs. W. A. Lebourveau, Mrs. W. B. Turney.

Misses Nellie Stoughton and Shirley Bradford will serve delicious fruit punch and wafers to all dancers. Mrs. F. W. Mears and Mrs. C. N. Benedict will have charge of the coat room. The admission is 25 cents for spectators. No special tickets for children. The tickets may be obtained of members of the dancing school.

"It is not always economy to buy an article because it is cheap" is quite an old saw but it applies as strongly today as ever it did, and especially in paint where it costs the same to apply a poor one as it does a good one. Patton's San Proof Paint is sold on a written 5 yr. guarantee. There is none better on the market and the price is less than other paints of the same grade. Sowden & Lyon, Agents.